

Dear Committee:

I thought that replacing my antiquated oil furnace with natural gas when the opportunity presented itself BEFORE repaving our town streets sounded like a good idea, especially since my house is not South directed roof-wise, and shaded by large old Oak trees. However, since seeing the house in Philadelphia under re-construction blow up on national TV, I am wondering if I made the correct decision: is our whole town a ticking time bomb due to natural gas lines going everywhere?? [I realize there are built in "safeguards".]

Also, I have since learned that gas pipelines throughout the state are being enlarged or "added to" supposedly due to customer "demand". Is it demand? or is it manipulation by the gas companies to enable mere transport through our state, with taxpayers and users picking up the fees, rather than companies paying for their right to do business in CT. Who benefits??

Rather, I think, government should develop and enable ways for investment in wind and solar energy sources. Use of these cleaner sources, along with encouragements to use less energy, plus resourcing "close to home" and recycling where possible, are wiser and ultimately safer avenues to pursue than continued use of fossil fuels.

Respectfully submitted,
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